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## TRAPPING DEVIL WAGONS.

LILLIAN RUSSELL WAS IN ONE CAPTURED AT FREEPORT.

**Elaborate Trap Devised by Mr. Niemann—State Plaza to the Common Under-standing—The Flower of the Freeport Constabulary Backed by a Moving Van**

Lillian Russell was caught yesterday in the trap which the incorporated village of Freeport has set to catch devils wagons. Jessie Lewison's big Parisian automobile, in which she was riding with Lewison and three other young men friends, was held up on the Merrick road by the entire constabulary of Freeport, reinforced by a furniture moving wagon and the driver Theodore Niemann, was arrested on a charge of making the machine go faster than eight miles an hour within the village limits. He was released on \$100 cash bail, furnished by Lewison.

Freeport never had such a day.

Two miles of the Merrick road, that fine one-mile strip of macadam which runs almost the length of Long Island, is within the limits of Freeport. Most of the families of the village live south of the road. All of the Sunday schools are north of it. That is a bad arrangement, because of the unbroken procession of fast-going automobiles along that road every Sunday afternoon.

The villagers were afraid that they wouldn't have enough children left alive to fill the Sunday schools, not even just before Christmas, so there were many meetings and petitions. Suggestions to move the churches to the south of the road as well as legislation to move the families with children to the north were rejected with scorn.

Freeport finally appealed to District Attorney Niemann of Nassau county to find some way of making automobile drivers obey the law, which says they shall not go faster than eight miles an hour within incorporated towns and villages, nor faster than twenty miles an hour outside. District Attorney Niemann sat up nights to devise the trap which has now been in operation in Freeport for a week and caught fifteen chauffeurs. Some of the villagers like it and some don't.

All the Freeporters whose houses are on the Merrick road had lawn parties yesterday and entertained the rest of the population so that they might all see the trap work.

The performance for the day closed with great excitement and enthusiasm over the hold-up of the Lillian Russell party.

Lillian had been sort of looked for all day and nobody expected that she would crawl along at eight miles an hour.

"Well," said one venerable Freeporter, consulting along with the crowd that surrounded Miss Russell's rig and accompanying her to the house of Judge Archibald Wallace, "this plan may save enough of the infant class to fill up the Bible class when they grow up, but the gamblers on Avenue A and Sabbath-like men on Avenue C will be stopped."

Two others injured were Nelson Rice and Stella Clegg, each years old, slightly scathed. Elmer Peek, 10 years old, severely burned on body. Pauline McNeil, 30 years old, jumped and sprained her ankle.

William Shook, the chauffeur, has fled and at least accounts had not been found.

party guests. "She's coming," and the villagers sprinted for the roadside. The starter hardly had time to signal his cars when time to stop the timers and before the timers got through figuring on what had happened the Lewison outfit had got by the double line of constables and had come to a full stop at the van, where it was surrounded by a crowd of men who were on the back seat. She was attired inconspicuously in a long automobile coat of snow white silk and wore a cardinal hat and goggles. "She looks like a simple fisherman," said a simple fisherman. "She looks like a big plate of vanilla ice cream with a strawberry on top."

The Lewison outfit was escorted around the corner to the Wallace home by all the villagers with the six constables as a special escort of honor. It was the pride of the Freeporters to post the guard, as though Job Verti and Abe Furman both intimated that Vandewater couldn't have done it without them.

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## GAVE ROAD'S TICKETS AWAY.

**ELEVATORS FRANKLIN STREET AGENT HANDED OUT CASH, TOO.**

**Bad Just Had Fourteen Teeth Pulled Under Cocaine and His Liberties Drew a Crowd of Small Boys. He Disposed \$40.20 in Cash and Tickets.**

The tallest agent on the up-town station of the Ninth avenue elevated road at Franklin street had fourteen teeth pulled yesterday afternoon and for two hours after he returned to his post it didn't cost a cent to board a train at his station. The agent was Harry Phillips of 529 Palisade avenue, West Hoboken. According to some of the telephone operators employed by the company he was one of the best ticket sellers in New York.

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